

LINCOLNWOOD CONNECTIONS



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I was hoping to turn out to be wrong when I wrote my last message but this is quite the winter we are having. The volume of snow was less than predicted, but it sure has been cold! A certain groundhog in Western Pennsylvania says we still have more winter ahead, let's hope he's wrong this time. If we do have more snow events, it is likely that alternate side parking will be instituted again. If you would like to sign up to be notified via phone call, text, or email of alternate side parking, please visit www.lincolnwoodil.org/reverse911.

I was also hoping to be writing this message with the glow of a Super Bowl championship for our Chicago Bears. Though they came up short, they sure did give us a season full of excitement and hope for the future. We do have many Indiana University Hoosiers here in town, myself included. Congratulations to IU on their first ever National Championship in football. Sports are certainly not much for us to be concerned with in local government, but we can acknowledge the inspirational stories of challenges met and overcome and the way sports has the ability to unite a community.

It has been a few issues of this newsletter since I've given an update on the status of District 1860. As many of you already know, Amazon announced in early 2026 that it would cease operations of its Amazon Fresh grocery concept, closing all stores and cancelling plans on any unopened stores, including the one planned for Lincolnwood. It certainly is unfortunate that this decision did not come earlier, a few months ago Trader Joe's signed a lease to locate just south of Lincolnwood at the Lincoln Village shopping center. There's no doubt they'd have jumped at the chance to locate in Lincolnwood if suitable space was available.

Tucker Development is already working to fill the space and we at the Village remain ready and willing to assist them however we can. The dual-branded Marriott hotel is quickly approaching completion with a targeted opening in the Spring, and Venezia Nail Spa should be open soon as well.

Elsewhere in Lincolnwood the big news is at the Mall. Late last year the sale of the Lincolnwood Town Center Mall was completed and the new owner is now working to redevelop the site. The developer plans to relocate or close all stores in the mall and, as soon as this Spring, demolition of the mall could begin to make way for the next wave of development.

Lincolnwood's goal for this site is to maximize the new property tax value created while generating the highest possible sales tax revenue and seizing on the opportunity to develop surrounding commercial sites on Touhy and McCormick.

More than 30 years ago the development of the Mall brought new revenue to the Village which was critical in the creation of our Village Hall, Fire Department, and Aquatic Center. The long term benefit of the mall to the Village has been tremendous and the sales tax revenue it generated has become critical in balancing our budget and serving our day-to-day operations.

Now, we will look to restore and even enhance that revenue to assist us to replace the Aquatic Center, build a new community center and create a long-term source for infrastructure repair and replacement costs.



In the last issue of this newsletter I wrote briefly about the upcoming infrastructure projects for this year. In addition to the work going on in Proesel Park and the resurfacing of Pratt Avenue including installation of a new bicycle lane, there will also be a lot of work on Devon Avenue.

Devon will see construction from McCormick to N. LeMai Avenue beginning this year, including the total reconstruction of the bridge over the Edens Expressway. The bridge replacement is an IDOT project and could take 18 months or more from start to completion. While best efforts will be made to mitigate the traffic impacts, given the volume of vehicles the bridge gets, we should be prepared for some congestion, especially during peak traffic times.



Conceptual design for a new branding monument near Devon Avenue's Edens Bridge, visible from I-94, planned for 2027.

On the Southeast side of town, the Devon Avenue Streetscape Plan, originally adopted in 2016, will bring new landscaping, lighting, landscape medians, and improved pedestrian safety along Devon from McCormick to Lincoln. This plan is funded through a partnership with the City of Chicago along with grant funds so that Lincolnwood's share is less than 20% of the overall cost of the project.



Devon Avenue Streetscape Rendering

This project was delayed for a number of reasons, most notably, the MWRD sludge line project which has now concluded in Lincolnwood.

No matter how cold and blustery this Winter is, we know that Spring is just around the corner. We are already making preparations for the Easter Egg Hunt, Memorial Day Ceremony, and our Summer programming.

We continuously review the Village's rules and regulations to ensure they meet the everchanging needs of our community. In late 2025, the Village Board discussed the potential for restricting overnight parking to vehicles registered in the Village of Lincolnwood. Before any decisions about potentially restricting overnight parking throughout the Village are made, we want to hear from you. Visit www.lincolnwoodil.org/overnightparking to learn more about what's being considered and to share your input.

"People often ask me if I know the secret of success and if I could tell others how to make their dreams come true. My answer is, you do it by working." - Walt Disney

Mayor Jesal Patel

Now on Display: Art by Angela Lyonsmith



An art exhibit featuring the work of Angela Lyonsmith is now on display at Lincolnwood Village Hall through the end of April. The gallery is open to the public Monday through Friday, 9am to 5pm.

Angela Lyonsmith is a mother and a maker who believes artists are called to see potential in everyday surroundings, find meaning in connections, and discover beauty in discarded pieces. An art reception will be held on Thursday, March 26 from 5 to 7pm. Meet the artist and enjoy an evening of creativity.

Street Sweeping Reminder

Street sweeping runs April 1 through December 11 to help keep Lincolnwood clean. Check the schedule and mark your calendar. Visit www.lincolnwoodil.org/streetsweeping for more information.

National Drug Take Back Day

April 25 is National Drug Take Back Day, encouraging the safe disposal of unused or expired medications. Never flush them or throw them in the trash, as they can harm the environment.

The Lincolnwood Police Department provides a secure, year-round prescription drop-off box, making it easy to safely dispose of medications and protect our waterways, wildlife, and community. The drop-off box is located at the Police Department Lobby at 6900 Lincoln Ave.



Seasonal Positions Now Open



Seasonal positions for Lincolnwood Summer Camp and Proesel Park Family Aquatic Center are open! Open positions include: Camp Counselors, Camp Supervisors, Lifeguards, Swim Instructors, Operations Attendants, and Guest Services Attendants.

More information and applications can be found at www.lincolnwoodil.org/employment.

Pool Passes on Sale

Resident pool passes go on sale Sunday, March 1 at 9am, with an early bird 10% discount available through March 22. Non-resident passes go on sale Wednesday, April 1 at 7am and are limited. Passes are for all ages and are valid at the Proesel Park Family Aquatic Center.

Pass prices vary by pass type and residency, with options for individuals, families, seniors, and daily admission. For a full fee schedule and details, visit www.lincolnwoodil.org/pool.



Parkway Tree Trimming

The Village maintains approximately 8,600 public trees and is resuming routine, Village-wide cycle pruning in place of request-based trimming. Parkway trees are publicly owned and may not be trimmed or altered by residents. Trees are pruned on a six-year cycle to promote safety and long-term health.

Learn more at www.lincolnwoodil.org/treemanagement.

Give Pollinators a Head Start

Spring garden clean-up can wait! Many pollinators like bees and butterflies emerge before flowers bloom. By joining No Mow 'til Mother's Day, residents help provide food and shelter for these vital insects while promoting a healthier, more sustainable environment.

How It Works:

- Register by April 30 to avoid maintenance violations.
- Approval required from Public Works and Community Development.
- Display a sign to show participation.
- Return to compliance by the third Sunday in May (mow to six inches or less).

Benefits:

- Supports pollinators with early blooms.
- Improves lawn and soil health.
- Reduces emissions from mowing.

Tips: Cut no more than one-third at a time, use sharp blades, avoid pesticides, and gradually return lawn to normal height.

Learn more at www.lincolnwoodil.org/supportpollinators.



HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE

Collection Dates: April 15, June 10, August 12, October 14, & December 16

Cleaning out the garage this spring? Call Clean Harbors at 866-466-5060 to safely dispose of paints, cleaners, and other household chemicals and help protect our waterways. Coordinating with neighbors is encouraged.

Fees apply. Learn more at www.lincolnwoodil.org/HHW



YARD WASTE PICKUP

Monday, March 16 through Monday, November 30

Yard waste pickup is available for materials placed in yard waste bags or labeled containers. Accepted items include grass clippings, leaves, twigs, garden debris, weeds, vines, and bundled branches up to four feet. Bags or containers must weigh no more than 50 pounds.



SPRING CLEANUP EVENT

**Sunday, April 12 | 10am-12pm
UP Trail & Morse Ave lot (north of Pratt Ave)**

Join the Village for a spring cleanup event and help keep Lincolnwood beautiful. Gloves, grabbers, and bags will be provided, just wear comfortable clothes and bring family and friends.

For questions, contact Natalie at nbenner@lwd.org

What Work Ne

Many home improvement projects require a permit to e
The graphic below shows common typ



New Construction:

Single Family Dwelling, Two Family Dwellings, Duplexes, Townhomes

Demolition: Detached Garage, Existing Home (all or portion), In-Ground Pool, Interior Demolition

Exterior / Building Envelope:

Roofs, Awnings, Board-Up, Brick or Stone Veneer Replacement, Chimney Work, Gutters, Downspouts, Windows, Skylights, Doors

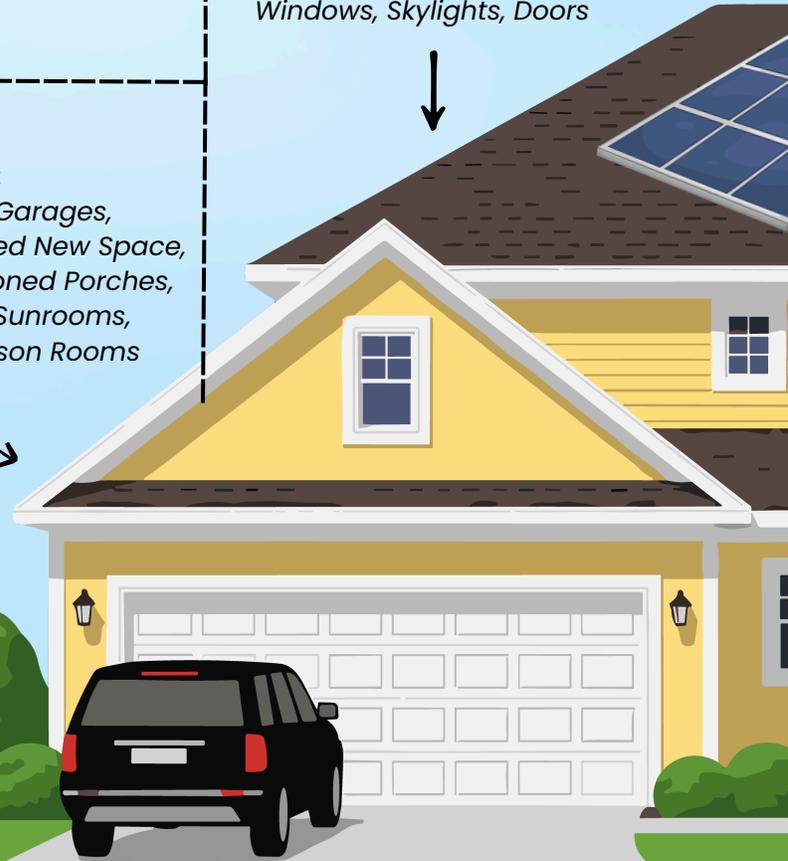
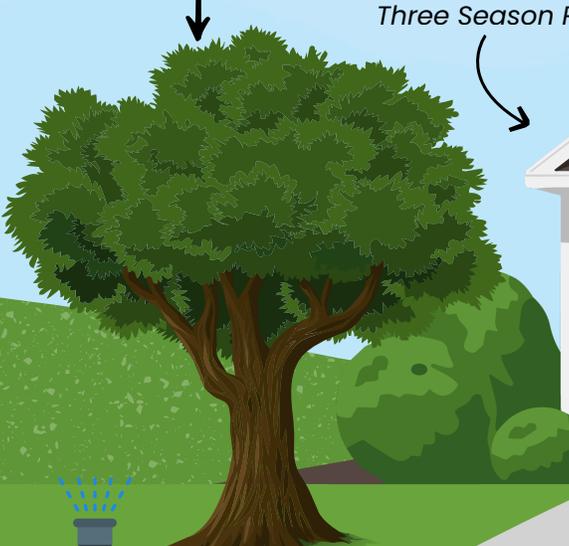
Electrical: Solar, EV C, Wiring, Rece, Alarm

Landscaping:

Tree removal (greater than 8 inches in diameter), Regrading of site or lot

Additions:

Attached Garages, Conditioned New Space, Unconditioned Porches, Carports, Sunrooms, Three Season Rooms



Lawn Irrigation:

Sprinkler System; Residential Fire Sprinkler Installation

Flatwork:

Driveways, Garage Floor Slabs, Crawl Space Slabs, Patios (fire pits, outdoor kitchens, grills), Sidewalks, Steps, Landings

Needs a Permit?

Ensure safety and compliance with local building codes.
 Types of work that typically need a permit.

Critical, Low Voltage, Solar:

Solar Panels, Electric Panel, Sub-Panel,
 Charging Station, Low Voltage
 Lighting, Radon System Installation,
 Recessed Lighting (new only), Smoke
 Alarms, Carbon Monoxide Alarms



Remodel / Alterations:

Basement, Kitchen, Bathroom,
 General Remodel Work (drywall,
 insulation, wall modifications),
 Stairs, Cabinetry with
 Countertops, Recessed Can or
 Ceiling or Wall Mounted Lighting

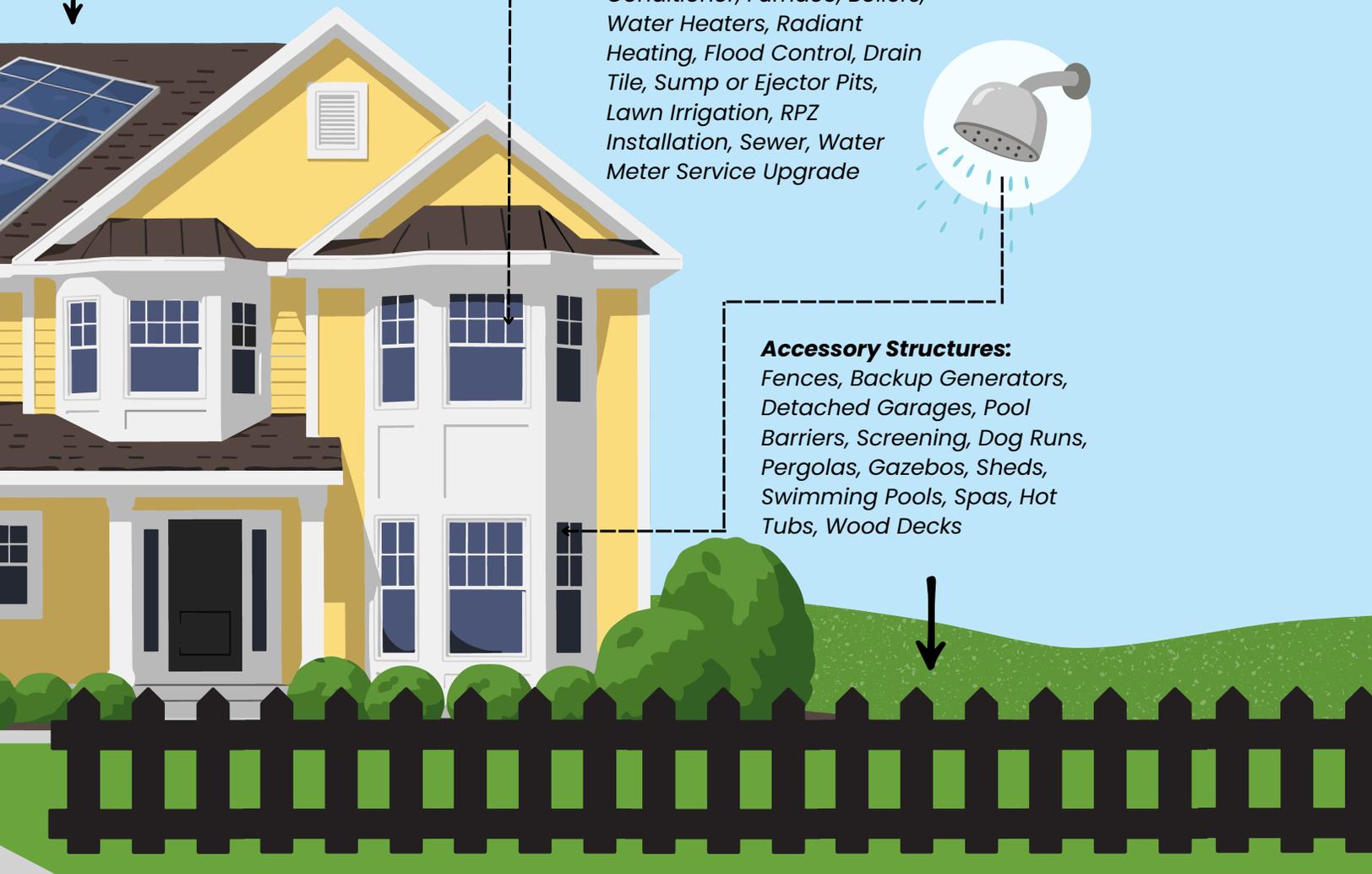
Mechanical, HVAC, Plumbing:

Tub or Shower Conversions, Air
 Conditioner, Furnace, Boilers,
 Water Heaters, Radiant
 Heating, Flood Control, Drain
 Tile, Sump or Ejector Pits,
 Lawn Irrigation, RPZ
 Installation, Sewer, Water
 Meter Service Upgrade



Accessory Structures:

Fences, Backup Generators,
 Detached Garages, Pool
 Barriers, Screening, Dog Runs,
 Pergolas, Gazebos, Sheds,
 Swimming Pools, Spas, Hot
 Tubs, Wood Decks



***Please note that not everything that needs a permit is listed. Check with the Community Development Department staff before beginning any project.**

BINGO & SCOOPS WITH THE BLUE

Wednesday, March 11
Community Center | 6:30–7:30pm

Join the Lincolnwood Police for Bingo, ice cream with toppings, refreshments, and lots of prizes. This event is for kids ages 4–12 with adult.

R: \$21 per couple & \$11 per additional child / NR: \$26 per couple & \$13 per additional child



EASTER EGG HUNT

Saturday, April 4
Proesel Park | 10am

Hunt for eggs and find the Golden Egg in your age group to win a prize. The fun starts promptly at 10am, so arrive on time and see the Lincolnwood Bunny!



EID AL-FITR CELEBRATION

Sunday, March 22
Community Center | 1–2:30pm

Celebrate the end of Ramadan with food, music, arts and crafts, bracelet making, temporary tattoos, and a Henna artist.

R: \$16 / NR: \$20



Kids

Glitzy Girls: Peace, Love & Glam Slumber Night

Come in your PJs for a Glitzy Girls slumber party! Enjoy neon hair clips, face gems, disco lights, Freeze Dance, Limbo, and photos at the peace backdrop. Each participant gets a goodie bag!

- **Date:** Tuesday, April 21 | 6–7:15pm
- **Fee:** Resident: \$36 / Non-Resident: \$45
- **Location:** Lincolnwood Community Center
- **Age:** 5–10

Spring Break Camp

Our Spring Break Camp for kids in Kindergarten through 5th grade features a fun week of daily field trips, games, free play, and arts and crafts.

- **Date:** March 30–April 3 | 8am–6pm
- **Fee:**
 - **Full Session:** Resident: \$450 / Non-Resident: \$565
 - **Daily:** Resident: \$95 / Non-Resident: \$119
- **Location:** Lincolnwood Community Center
- **Age:** Grades K–5

Magic Class with the Great Boodini

Learn fun magic tricks to impress family and friends! Each student gets a magic kit and will master easy effects.

- **Date:** Tuesday, March 10 | 6–7pm
- **Fee:** Resident \$30 / Non-Resident: \$37
- **Location:** Lincolnwood Community Center
- **Age:** 5–12

Summer Camp

Summer Camp registration is open! Save with early bird rates before March 16 and secure a summer full of fun and adventure.

- **Date:** June 15–August 14 | Times vary
- **Fee:** Varies by age group
- **Location:** Lincolnwood Community Center
- **Age:** 3–12

For a full list of upcoming Lincolnwood events and programs, visit www.lincolnwoodil.org/parks.

Smart 911

Over 80% of 9-1-1 calls come from cell phones, which can limit location and personal details. A free Smart911 Safety Profile lets you share important information like medical conditions, emergency contacts, pets, and home details with dispatchers and first responders during an emergency.

Smart911 is secure, private, and only used during emergency calls, and your profile is available to participating 9-1-1 centers nationwide. Sign up today at www.smart911.com.

Springtime Home Repair Fraud Prevention

Spring home improvement season also brings an increase in home repair scams and ruse burglaries. The Lincolnwood Police Department reminds residents to stay alert and protect themselves.

Avoid Home Repair Scams

- Be cautious of unsolicited, door-to-door repair offers.
- Verify licenses, insurance, and references.
- Get written estimates and avoid paying in full upfront.
- Watch for high-pressure tactics or “leftover material” deals.

Prevent Ruse Burglaries

- Ask for identification from anyone claiming to be a worker or official.
- Keep doors locked and do not allow strangers inside.
- Be alert to distraction tactics involving utilities or property checks.
- Report suspicious activity to the Police Department at 847-673-2167 or call 9-1-1 in an emergency.

Staying informed helps keep our community safe.



Safety Tips for Going Out of Town



Before traveling, take steps to protect your home and belongings:

- Lock all doors and windows and secure garage access.
- Use light timers and pause mail or deliveries.
- Secure valuables and unplug unnecessary electronics.
- Avoid sharing travel plans on social media.
- Ask a neighbor to keep an eye on your property.

Residents can also request a Vacation Watch from the Lincolnwood Police Department by calling 847-673-2167 or visiting the station. Officers will provide extra patrols while you're away.

Call 9-1-1 in an emergency.

Maximizing Rebate Programs

Spring is the perfect time to take advantage of Lincolnwood's residential water-related rebate programs. Available programs include:

- **Sewer Line Repair Rebate:** Up to \$2,000 for repairs caused by tree roots from Village trees. Requires a plumber's sewer video.
- **Private Flood Control Rebate (Indoor):** 50/50 cost-sharing, up to \$2,000, for overhead sewers or backflow valves. Meeting with the Village Engineer required.
- **Private Drainage Rebate (Outdoor):** 50/50 cost-sharing, up to \$2,000 per homeowner, for backyard drainage improvements. Multi-home projects may receive up to \$2,500 each. Engineer evaluation required.
- **Lead Service Line Replacement Assistance:** 50% rebate, up to \$5,000, for partial or full lead line replacements.

Funds are limited and processed first-come, first-served. Apply or learn more at www.lincolnwoodil.org/rebates.

Flavored Vapes Prohibited Starting May 1

Effective May 1, 2026, flavored liquid nicotine products, commonly referred to as flavored vapes, are prohibited from being sold to any person in the Village of Lincolnwood.

The Ordinance adopted by the Village Board on January 20, 2026 defines a flavored liquid nicotine product as any liquid nicotine product that contains a constituent that imparts a distinguishable taste or aroma including but not limited to mint, wintergreen, chocolate, vanilla, honey, cocoa, any candy, any dessert, any alcoholic beverages, any fruit, any herb, or any spice. The Ordinance exempts menthol flavored vapes.



This prohibition on the sale of flavored vapes applies to all existing and future businesses with no exception. Ordinance violations are subject to a fine of up to \$2,500 and the Village Manager shall have the right, but not the obligation, to suspend or revoke a license upon any violation. Scan the QR code to view the full ordinance.

DID YOU KNOW?

In 2017, the Village of Lincolnwood updated its commercial vehicle parking regulations. A commercial vehicle includes any vehicle used for business purposes, such as taxis, vans, trucks, construction or landscaping vehicles, delivery vehicles, ride-sharing vehicles, or vehicles displaying business advertising.

In residential areas, commercial vehicles must be parked in enclosed garages or comply with Village regulations. Overnight parking on residential streets is not permitted.

Recreational vehicles are generally prohibited in driveways, with limited seasonal exceptions for boats and snowmobiles. Construction vehicles may only be parked in driveways when tied to an active project with a valid building permit. Learn more at www.lincolnwoodil.org/commercialparking or contact the Lincolnwood Police Department at 847-673-2167.

Proesel Park Construction

Exciting improvements are coming to the south end of Henry A. Proesel Park! Construction is set to begin in March 2026 as part of a significant renovation project partially funded by an Open Space Lands Acquisition and Development (OSLAD) grant through the Illinois Department of Natural Resources (IDNR).

Planned enhancements include:

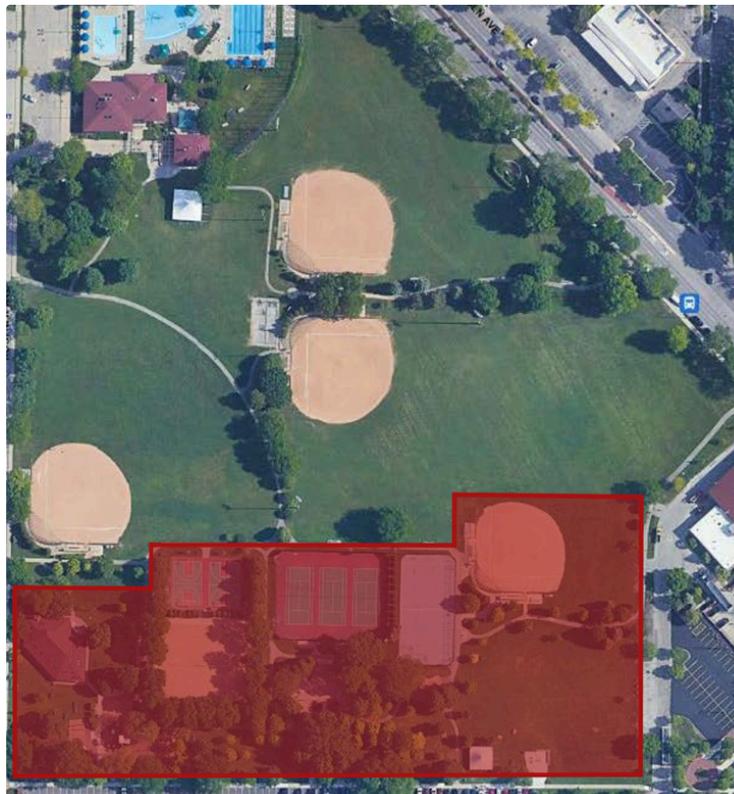
- A universally accessible playground
- Upgraded tennis and sand volleyball courts
- Two dedicated pickleball courts
- A renovated inline skate court
- Improved basketball courts
- Enhanced pedestrian pathways

Please Note: The entire south end of the park will be closed from March 2026 through mid-November 2026 for construction. This includes the shelter, restrooms, playground, courts, Madeleine's Garden, and Ball Field 4. A map of the construction zone is provided.

SCAN ME



For project updates, visit www.lincolnwoodil.org/proeselconstruction or scan the QR code.



Construction Zone

New Businesses

Evercare Financial Services*

7373 N Lincoln Ave, Suite 100
Healthcare financial office providing financial services for medical needs.

Laccura Medical Group

7350 N Cicero Ave
Medical spa and medical center offering specialized health and wellness treatments.

Lidu Academy Child Development

7301 N Cicero Ave
Early childhood education and development programs for children.

RestoPros of Chicago North Shore

7080 N McCormick Blvd
Residential and commercial restoration for water, fire, smoke, mold, and weather damage.

Saira's Signature Beauty Spa

6501 N Lincoln Ave, Suite 101
Esthetic spa providing beauty and skincare treatments.

Upward Community

7120 N Ridgeway Ave
Non-profit organization offering counseling, youth services, and social work support.

University Retina and Macula Associates

7366 N Lincoln Ave, Suite 105
Medical practice specializing in ophthalmology, retina, and macula care.

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BOARD AND COMMISSION MEETINGS

- **Village Board:** 1st & 3rd Tuesday
- **Park & Recreation Board:** 3rd Monday
- **Economic Development Commission:** 4th Wednesday
- **Plan Commission/Zoning Board of Appeals:** 1st Wednesday (3rd Wednesday if needed)
- **Traffic Commission:** 4th Thursday
- **Environmental Commission:** 4th Monday (every other month)

For up-to-date schedules, agendas, and minutes, visit www.lincolnwoodil.org. To receive agendas by email, sign up at www.lincolnwoodil.org/notifyme.

Meetings are broadcast live on Comcast Channel 6, RCN Channel 49, and AT&T U-Verse Channel 99. You can also watch live or on-demand at www.lincolnwoodil.org/mediacenter.

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Village Manager: Anne Marie Gaura

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• Village of Lincolnwood:



• Lincolnwood Parks and Recreation Department:



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Public Works	(847) 675-0888
Community Development	(847) 673-7402
Parks and Recreation	(847) 677-9740
Police Non-Emergency	(847) 673-2167
Fire Non-Emergency	(847) 673-1545